





Characteristics of the Class of 1985

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Abstract

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Preface

This report presents the biographical characteristics and achievements of the 1,524 new cadets and the fourteen re-entered or turned back cadets who entered the Class of 1985. The admission scores listed in Table 1 are for the 1,077 cadets whose admission was based on the CEER, while Tables 2 and 3 are for the 461 cadets whose admission was based on American College Test scores. Tables 4 through 17 are based on only new cadets. The following abbreviations, explanations and definitions of terms apply in this report.

CEER A statistically derived weighted composite score of two College Entrance Examination Board Tests (Scholastic Aptitude Test-Verbal, Scholastic Aptitude Test-Hathematics, and a standardized high school rank score.

High School Rank This is a score derived by converting the actual high high school rank to a standard score, using a formula developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Whole Candidate Score This is a weighted composite score of the CEER or ACEER, the Physical Aptitude Examination score and the Leadership Potential Score.

Physical Aptitude This is a standardized score developed to measure physical **Examination Score** capabilities.

Leadership Potential This is a score derived from the ratings of the candidate by his/her secondary school teachers and evaluations by admissions officials of his/her type of participation in athletic and other school and community activities.

American College Testing Program.

Score

ACT

ACEER

A statistically derived weighted composite score of ACT tests and high school rank converted to the 200-800 range of the CEER.

Table 1

Distribution of Scores on Academic Qualification Measures

(For those admitted by use of CEER)

_	Scholastic Aptitude Verbal		Scholastic Aptitude Mathematics		CEER	
Score Ranges	N	Cum %	<u>N</u>	Cum %	, <u>N</u>	Cum %
750-800	6	100%	25	100%	1	100%
700-749	40	99	122	98	30	100
650-699	76	96	222	86	130	97
600-649	161	89	320	66	282	85
550-599	236	74	250	36	338	59
500-549	283	52	122	13	229	27
450-499	209	26	16	2	53	6
400-449	59	6	0	0	14	1
350-399	7	1	0	0	0	0
Total	1077		1077		1077	
llean	549		620		587	
S.D.	74		63		61	

Table 2

Distribution of Scores on Academic Qualification Measures

(For those admitted by use of ACEER)

Score Ranges	AC N	T-ENG Cum %	ACT N	-MATH Cum %	AC N	T-N.S. Cum Z	AC N	T-S.S Cum %
34-36	0	100%	40	100%	23	100%	1	100%
31-33	7	100	86	91	139	95	47	100
28-30	32	99	155	73	160	65	122	90
25-27	89	92	137	39	79	30	125	62
22-24	216	72	35	9	44	13	84	35
19-21	101	25	5	2	9	4	44	15
16-18	14	4	3	1	5	2	13	6
13-15	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	4
10-12	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	2
Total	461		461		461		452	
Mean	23.3		28.6		28.7		25.6	
S.D.	2.9		3.3		3.6		5.2	
22-24 19-21 16-18 13-15 10-12 Total	216 101 14 1 1 461 23.3	72 25 4 0	35 5 3 0 0 461 28.6	9 2 1 0	44 9 5 1 1 461 28.7	13 4 2 0	84 44 13 7 9 452 25.6	35 15 6 4

Table 3

Distribution of ACEER Scores

(For those admitted by use of ACT scores)

Score	ACEER			
Ranges	N	Cum %		
750-800	0	100%		
700-749	10	100		
650-699	41	98		
600-649	133	89		
550-599	167	60		
\$00-549	87	24		
450-499	19	5		
400-449	4	1		
Total	461			
Mean	587			
S.D.	55			

Table 4

Distribution of Scores on PAE, LPS and HSR

(For all admitted cadets)

Score Ranges 750-800 700-749 650-699 600-649 550-599 500-549 450-499 400-449 350-399 300-349 250-299	Physic Mal N 8 46 106 231 308 333 235 64 4 3	100% 99 96 88 71 48 23 5	N Female N 0 3 8 23 22 48 54 19 9 2	(PAE) ale 2 100% 100 99 94 82 71 45 16 6 2 1 0	N 3 100 270 403 374 252 94 36 6 0	Potential LPS) Cum % 100% 100 93 76 50 25 9 3 0 0 0	N 64 66 197 248 317 306 176 96 42 18 6 2	1001 Rank ISR) Cum % 100% 96 92 79 63 42 22 11 4 2
Total Mean S.D.	1338 560 76		189 517 82		1538 597 72		1538 570 98	

^{*}Distribution of PAE scores are shown separately for male and female cadets as they are scored on different events.

Table 5

Distribution of Whole Candidate Scores

(For all admitted cadets)

Score Ranges	N	Cum %
7000-7249	1	100%
6750-6999	14	100
6500-6749	65	99
6250-6499	147	95
6000-6249	316	85
5750-5999	495	65
5500-5749	253	33
5250-5499	165	16
5000-5249	61	5
4750-4999	15	1
4500-4749	6	0
Total	1538	
Mean	5875	
S.D.	382	

Table 6

Means and Standard Deviations of Scores

of Male and Female Cadets

	WCS		HSR		LPS		PAE*	
	Male	Female	Male	<u>Female</u>	Male	<u>Female</u>	Male	Female
N	1348	189	1347	189	1349	189	1338	189
Mean	5886	5812	565	602	597	597	560	517
S.D.	385	355	99	84	72	70	76	82
	ACE	ER	CE	ER	SAT	-v	SA	T-11
	Male	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	Male	Female	Male	<u>Female</u>
N	407	54	939	138	939	138	939	138
Mean	587	587	588	582	551	548	624	601
S.D.	56	51	61	57	76	76	65	61
	ACT	-EN	ACT	-MA	ACT	-NS	AC	T-SS
	Male	Female	<u>Male</u>	Female	Male	<u>Female</u>	Male	<u>Female</u>
N	407	54	407	54	407	54	399	53
Mean	23.2	23.8	28.7	27.5	28.9	26.7	25.9	23.4
S.D.	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.4	5.6	6.3

^{*}PAE scale for females is not the same as the scale for males.

Table 7-1
Distribution of Height and Weight
(Female Cadets)

Inches	Height No.	*	Pounds	Weight No.	<u> </u>
72-73	2	1.1%	190-199	1	0.5%
70-71	9	4.8	170-179	2	1.1
68-69	18	9.5	160-169	8	4.2
66-67	49	26.0	150-159	13	6.8
64-65	64	33.8	140-149	35	18.5
62-63	32	16.9	130-139	51	27.3
60-61	11	5.8	120-129	45	23.7
58~59	3	1.6	110-119	18	9.5
56-57	0	0	100-109	15	7.9
54-55	1	0.5	90-99	1	0.5
Total	189	100	Total	189	100
Mean	65.	02	Mean	132	2.37
S.D.	2.	66	S.D.	15	6.67

Table 7-2
Distribution of Height and Weight (Male Cadets)

Inches	Height No.	<u>%</u>	Pounds	Weight No.	_%
80-81	2	0.2%	310-319	1	0.1%
78-79	2	0.2	260-269	2	0.1
76-77	15	1.1	240-249	5	0.4
74-75	90	6.8	230-239	11	0.8
72-73	221	16.5	220-229	9	0.7
70-71	370	27.5	210-219	24	1.8
68-69	354	26.5	200-209	47	3.5
66-67	193	14.5	190-199	74	5.6
64-65	74	5.6	180-189	119	8.9
62-63	13	1.0	170-179	180	13.5
60-61	1	0.1	160-169	227	17.0
			150-159	236	17.6
			140-149	223	16.7
			130-139	120	9.0
			120-129	42	3.2
			110-119	12	0.9
			100-109	3	• 2
Total	1335	100	Total	1335	100
Mean	69.	.69	llean	163	3.26
S.D.	2.	.77	S.D.	23	3,63

Table 8
High School Characteristics

High School Graduate	Number	Percent
Yes No	1518 1	99.9% 0.1%
Type of High School in Which Senior Year was Completed		
Did not Complete Senior Year Public (Include HS in Foreign Country) Private (Non-Military) Private (Military)	1 1281 199 36	0.1 84.4 13.1 2.4
Rank in Graduating Class		
Did Not Graduate	1 1062 340 92 17 5	0.1 69.9 22.4 6.2 1.1 0.3
Selected as Valedictorian (First in the Class)	67	4.4
Selected as Salutatorian (Second in the Class) Number of High Schools Attended	65	4.3
One Two Three Four or more	1202 236 55 23	79.1 15.5 3.6 1.5

Table 9

Awards and Scholarships

Received Following Awards	Number	Percent
National Honor Society	896	59.0%
Bausch and Lomb Science Award		1.7
American Legion Award		10.1
Boy's State or Girl's State Delegate		19.6
Other National Awards	430	28.3
Took the National Merit/Achievement Scholarship Examination		
Yes, and Received Commendation	158	10.4
Yes, was Semi-Finalist	31	2.0
Yes, was Finalist	50	3.3
Yes, was Merit Scholar	24	1.6

Table 10 Scholarships

	Number	Percent
Number of Academic Scholarships		
None	806	53.1%
One	341	22.5
Two or Three	280	18.4
Four or Five	58	3.8
Six or More	28	1.8
Number of Athletic Scholarships		
None	1329	87.5
One	110	7.2
Two or Three	58	3.8
Four or Five	10	0.7
Six or More	7	0.5
Received the Following Military Scholarships*		
Army ROTC Scholarship	258	17.0
Navy ROTC Scholarship	160	10.5
Air Force ROTC Scholarship	138	9.1
Other ROTC Scholarship	66	4.3

^{*}May be more than one.

Table 11
Clubs and Positions Held or Awards Obtained

Elected or Appointed to Following High School Positions	Number	Percent
President of high School Senior Class	77	5.1%
Senior Class Officer (Other Than President)	242	15.9
President, Student Body	76	5.0
President, High School Class (Other than Senior Class)	121	8.0
President, Student Council	75	4.9
Participated in or Held Following High School Positions*		
Debating or Forensic Society	170	11.2
Thespian or Dramatic Club	219	14.4
Glee Club	127	8.4
High School Band	307	20.2
Staff, School Paper	258	17.0
Editor or Co-Editor, School Paper	101	6.7
Staff, Yearbook or Annual	259	17.1
Editor or Co-Editor, Yearbook or Annual	93	6.1
Presently is or has Been One of the Following		
Boy Scout/Girl Scout	735	48.4
Explorer Scout	150	9.9
Sea Scout	12	0.8
Air Scout	13	0.8
Camp Counselor	180	11.9
Order of the Arrow	162	10.7
Eagle Scout (Boys)	138	10.4
First Class Scout (Girls)	10	5.2

^{*}May be more than one.

Table 12

Nominations and Appointments

Federal Academies Where Nomination was Attempted*	Number	Percent
Naval Academy	486	32.0%
Air Force Academy	501	33.0
Coast Guard Academy	190	12.5
Merchant Marine Academy	81	5.3
Federal Academies Where Appointment was Received*		
Naval Academy	72	4.7
Air Force Academy	91	6.0
Coast Guard Academy	62	4.1
Merchant Marine Academy	26	1.7
First Choice of Schools was		
US Military Academy	1178	77.6
US Air Force Academy	162	10.7
US Naval Academy	66	4.3
US Coast Guard Academy	13	0.9
US Merchant Marine Academy	3	0.2
A Civilian Liberal Arts College	33	2.2
A Civilian Engineering Technical College	25	1.7
Another Type of College	21	1.4

^{*}May be more than one.

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Father's Past Military Service and Current Status	Number	Percent
No Military Service or Don't Know	571	37.6%
Disability Not in Reserve Status; Servied Two or More Tours on Active	34	2.2
Duty	128	8.4
Served 20 Years or More and Retired	176	11.6
Served Only During a War or for One Peacetime Tour Now on Full Time Active Duty; Served Two or More Tours on	381	25.1
Active Duty	130	8.6
Duty	42	2.8
Now in Reserves or National Guard	29	1.9
Died While on Active Duty	6	0.4
Father's Highest Grade**		
E1 - E3 (Private or PFC)	149	9.8
E4 - E6 (Corporal Through Staff Sergeant)	239	15.7
E7 - E9 (Platoon Sergeant Through Sergeant Major)	137	9.0
Warrant Officer	14	0.9
Lieutenant or Captain	91	6.0
Major	50	3.3
Lieutenant Colonel	90	5.9
Colonel	65	4.3
General Officer	7	0.5

^{**}Army grade or AF, Navy and Marine Corps equivalent.

Table 14
Class Year of Fathers Who Are USMA Graduates

Year	No.	Year	No.
1962	3	1949	1
1961	3	1948	1
1960	9	1946	1
1959	9	1944	1
1958	9	1943	1
1957	4	1939	1
1956	6	1936	1
1955	2		
1954	0		
1953	3		
1952	2		
1951	1		
1950	1		

Total 59

Table 15
Sport Participation

	Number	Percent
Participated in Varsity Athletics	1352	89.0%
Earned Varsity Letter	1268	83.5
Varsity Team Captain	692	45.6

Table 16 Miscellaneous

	Number	Percent
Taken College Level Courses After High School in One of the Follows	lng	
A Junior, Community, Extension or Branch College With a One		
or 🔩 -Year Program Only	73	4.8%
Other Institution With Less Than a Four-Year Program	6	0.4
A Four-Year College, Not Part of a University	26	1.7
A University, Including its Separate Colleges	69	4.5
Not Applicable	1345	88.6
Attended U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School	203	13.3

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